

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ACSI LOCAL SWITCHED SERVICES, INC.)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-153

On September 10, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. (ACSI).

ACSI seeks authority to provide intraLATA toll and interLATA interstate telecommunications services to the public including: MTS, dedicated MTS, toll free, dedicated 800 access, calling card, debit card, audioconferencing and operator assisted services. A proposed tariff was filed by ACSI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 11, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 26, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled October 28, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered ACSI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that ACSI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ACSI has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves ACSI's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that ACSI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective November 10, 1997. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that ACSI shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of November, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Dulaine Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>11/4/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner